

# 200 STRIKERS BATTLE COPS, 12 HURT

## Window Cleaners In 2 Clashes Over Non-Union Work

Two hundred striking window cleaners today engaged in a fierce battle with five detectives at 5th Avenue and 23d Street. At least a dozen persons were injured, several shots were fired, and Capt. John Broderick, head of the industrial squad of the Police Department narrowly escaped death.

A second clash between strikers and alleged non-union workers occurred in front of the main post-office in Brooklyn. The workers were beaten severely before Poplar Street station police arrested two strikers.

The industrial squad detectives, although kicked and beaten by the angry strikers, held to their men, and when the fight was over had eight in custody. Broderick's escape from death came when a striker fired two shots at him while standing only a few feet away. Neither took effect.

The encounter started when the 200 attacked two washers, Edward Borke of 154 West 125th St., and John Frank of 284 East 82d St., who were working on the windows of the store of Heinrich, facing Madison Square. Borke was hit on the jaw with a blackjack and dragged from a ladder. He later was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

### Police Trail Strikers

Broderick and his four men, Thomas Curley, Jesse Josephs, Thomas Brennan and William Kavanaugh, experienced at handling strikers, had followed the 200 from 34th Street and 5th Avenue. They leaped from their police car and went into the battle as Borke fell.

Broderick was struck over the head with a window wiper wielded by a striker. Curley was hit with another wiper. Broderick's coat was torn off and then the striker pulled out his revolver and fired. Broderick fired five times as the man turned and ran, apparently hit. Police have his name and address.

Each detective, in spite of his injuries, landed one or two men. Eight were escorted to Police Headquarters. They said they were John Kueher, 32, of 500 East 16th St.; Louis Witcher, 2927 West 16th St.; Coney Island; Harry Naima, 27, of 1075 Utica Ave., Brooklyn; Michael Bryzwanski, 28, of 1353 Park Ave.; Louis Fund, 36, of 1282 Webster Ave., The Bronx; Joseph Smith, 31, of 98 St. Mark's Place Brooklyn; Joseph Katz, 29, of 73 East 105th St.; and Arthur Elksy, 33, of 140 Essex St. All were treated for minor injuries. The men were to be arraigned in Yorkville Court, charged with assault.

## 2 Alleged Boy Stick-Ups Nabbed, Held in \$25,000

Two youths who police believe posed as newspaper men to obtain information from storekeepers for use in planning holdups were held in \$25,000 bail each for examination Friday when they were arraigned before Magistrate Dale, in Bridge Plaza Court, on charges of violating the Sullivan law, today.

They are Morris Cooper, 21, and his brother, William, 19, both of 98 Essex St., and they were arrested early this morning at Broadway and Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, by Sergeant Daily of Clymer Street station, when they aroused his suspicion by loitering.

Each carried a .32 calibre automatic pistol of German make, Daily said, and William showed a reporter's police card, made out to him as an employee of a New York evening newspaper.

In Morris's pocket officers found a sheet of newspaper copy paper

## Held on Murder Charges



ARRAIGNED IN HOMICIDE COURT on charges of murder, Patrick Vincent Nolan, 16 (left), and Gerald Dwyer, 28, were held without bail for examination on October 14. Nolan, an A. W. O. L. sailor, confessed setting fire to a house in which one died, and Dwyer, a newspaper man, killed another newspaper man named Joseph Ruffner in a fight over the latter's wife. The two are shown handcuffed to each other leaving court. (Photo Graphic.)

## Tunney's Cousin Fire Hero; 9 Rescued in Hoboken

Nine persons were saved from serious injury, if not death, today by Policemen James Rickard and John McDonough, the latter a cousin of Gene Tunney, during a fire which swept through a three-story building at 219 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J.

### Heat Prostrates Brooklyn Man

With the thermometer batting 74, Jonathan Connaughton, 42, of 115 Hopkins St., Brooklyn, collapsed in front of 861 Park Ave., Brooklyn, today.

At Bshwick Hospital Dr. Caesero declared the case one of heat prostration.

The blaze started in a bakery on the first floor, and was discovered by John Walsh, who, with his wife and four children, occupies the second story. McDonough and Rickard responded to his cries for help and they led the entire family to the street in safety.

On a second trip into the burning building the two policemen found Mrs. Hannah Smith and her three children on the upper floor. Sheets of flame swept up the stairways, cutting off their escape by that means. A skylight was then broken open and the Smith family aided to the roof, from which they descended through the structure next door at 217.

During the work of rescue Rickard's hand was cut by glass. A fireman also was injured when the metal ceiling of the bakery fell on him. The fire, origin of which is unknown, did about \$10,000 damage.

## Former Cop Sent To Pen in Shooting

Peter Rueger, formerly a policeman in Brooklyn, was sentenced to twenty years in Sing Sing today in County Court, Brooklyn. A week ago a jury found Rueger guilty of assault as a second offender.

Rueger shot James M. Murray, warrant officer of Bridge Plaza Court, Brooklyn, last May when Murray attempted to serve him with a warrant sworn out by a girl who said Rueger had annoyed her.

## Husband Killed by 'Rival' After 'Date' With Wife He Helped Arrange as Joke

A practical joke played in Washington, D. C., several months ago had its aftermath today, when Gerald Dwyer, 30, of 254 Hancock St., Brooklyn, a newspaper man, was shot and killed Joseph Ruffner, 35, of 208 West 97th St., also a newspaper man, in front of the latter's apartment, according to the police.

### Says Girl Killed In Death Leap Had Planned Suicide

While John J. Fitzpatrick, 22, of 2028 Creston Ave., The Bronx, and Francis Murphy, 24, of 115 East 89th St., were being arraigned today on charges of homicide in Homicide Court before Magistrate Charles Oberwager, Bernard Sandler, their counsel, announced he had evidence which would free them from charges that they had been responsible for the death leap of Dorothy Smith from Murphy's apartment a week ago.

Sandler said he would question Felipe J. Vercholchea, an actor, whom Miss Smith had met several months ago and with whom she was alleged to have been in love, to show that she often had threatened to commit suicide.

The hearing was adjourned today following testimony of Assistant Medical Examiner Gonzales in regard to certain stains found on furniture in the apartment.

Witnesses of a quarrel in the apartment lobby just before the shooting declared Ruffner accused Dwyer of being too attentive to his wife and knocked him down. Then the men went outside and Dwyer is alleged to have fired six shots, three of which took effect.

Ruffner died later at Knickerbocker Hospital. His wife was questioned by police.

"I love her! I love her!" mumbled Dwyer over and over again before Magistrate Oberwager in Homicide Court.

When asked what his religion was he replied:—

"Damn religion. I haven't any." He was held without bail for a hearing October 14.

Dwyer made a complete confession of the crime, according to Assistant District Attorney Pascacello of the Homicide Bureau.

It was learned that Ruffner and other newspaper men arranged a "date" for Dwyer with Mrs. Ruffner as a practical joke. The couple met and a friendship developed which Ruffner later resented.

The Ruffners came here in July and worked on the staff of the Bronx Home News. Dwyer came north later and joined the staff of the Brooklyn Eagle.

Dwyer served with the 121st Infantry during the war. Mrs. Ruffner, formerly Gwendolyn Bartlett, is a sister of Stanley Bartlett, poet. Ruffner's father is said to be a United States commissioner at Charleston, W. Va.

## 10 Auto Sheiks Confess Assault On 2 Girls in Car

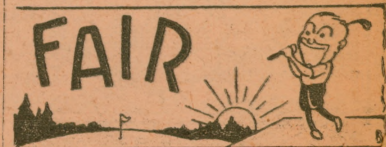
MINEOLA, L. I., Oct. 4.—Ten of eleven men, charged with brutal assaults by Edna Smith and Ruth Knickerbocker, employed at Nassau Hospital, today pleaded guilty to the charges, and will be sentenced Friday.

The eleventh man, Duffy Stodowsky, of Garden City Park, pleaded not guilty, and was to be placed on trial immediately.

The young women said they were invited to take a ride by Harry Dewald, one of the ten, and that when he drove his car into a lonely road, the others passed them in another automobile and forced Dewald to halt. They charge that Dewald played a part in the crimes which followed.

## THE WEATHER

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST				
LOCAL—Fair and warm tonight; tomorrow, showers; probably cooler tomorrow night; moderate southerly winds, becoming fresh to strong southwest.				
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight; warmer in central and north portions; tomorrow showers; moderate southeast winds, shifting to south and becoming fresh to strong.				
Hour.	Temp.	Weath.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight	69	Cloudy	30.15	N. 1
2 a. m.	68	Cloudy	30.16	NE. 10
4 a. m.	66	Cloudy	30.17	NE. 10
6 a. m.	63	Cloudy	30.19	E. 10
8 a. m.	66	Cloudy	30.22	E. 10
10 a. m.	70	Cloudy	30.21	E. 5

## Would-Be Assassin Held Sorry He Didn't Kill Editor

Peter Rock, 405 West 23d St., is held in \$20,000 bail for the grand jury today on a charge of felonious assault following his arraignment on a charge of attempting to assassinate Ludwig Lore, editor of the New Yorker Volkszeitung, Saturday evening.

Rock, who told police that he disapproved of Lore's editorials, which advocated friendship with Soviet Russia, fired two shots at the editor, both of which missed their mark. He was overpowered by employees of the newspaper plant at 47 Walker St., who called the police.

Rock had visited the editorial rooms of the Volkszeitung, one of the oldest German language dailies in the United States, several times before the attempted shooting, it was learned. He complained that he had intended visiting Russia himself, but got only as far as

Stettin, whence he returned to this country. In a letter to Lore he demanded that the editor "refund" to him \$2,500 which he alleged he spent on this trip.

"I'm sorry I didn't kill him. Better luck next time," he said, when arrested, according to eyewitnesses.

### Clearing Hou

(Official figures)

Exchanges . . . \$595  
Balances . . . 11  
Credit balance.